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Kennesaw's "Incredible Pumpkin Trail" event scheduled for Oct. 12 and 13

Kennesaw, Ga. (September 20, 2007) – The walking path near the train Depot in downtown Kennesaw will come alive **Oct. 12 and 13**, with a grand illumination of pumpkins during the City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department's first ever "Incredible Pumpkin Trail".

Everyone is invited to contribute their time and talents to help create the magic of the Incredible Pumpkin Trail by producing unique, colorful and playful pumpkin displays. Area churches, schools, businesses and civic groups, as well as individuals, are encouraged to participate. Suggested themes include (but are not limited to) historical figures, animals, funny faces, fictional characters, traditional jack-o-lanterns, lettering and sculpting. Pumpkins can be carved or decorated, skinny or plump, and with or without the vine. A total of 30 group entries (pumpkin scenes) will be accepted, as well as an unlimited number of individual (single pumpkin) entries.

Pumpkins will be displayed along the walking path for public viewing. Displays will be judged on originality, creativity, craftsmanship and overall presentation. Ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Schedule of Events

Oct. 11 and 12 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Installation and setup of pumpkin displays.

Oct. 12 - 6:30 to 9 p.m. - Incredible Pumpkin Trail open to the public (includes light refreshments and entertainment).

Oct. 13 - 4 to 9 p.m. - Incredible Pumpkin Trail open to the public during the Folk Tales of the Rails event, which includes activities such as storytelling, music, hayrides and treasure hunts.

Oct. 14 - Noon to 4 p.m. - Breakdown and cleanup of pumpkin displays.

Additional Information

- Participants will be required to setup their own displays, and bring their own tables, display stands, props, straw, hay bales and extension cords (if electricity is required).
- Carving isn't a necessity. Pumpkins may be decorated in any manner.
- Pumpkins spoil quickly once carved, so don't start too early; however all carving and decorating must be completed in advance of the event.
- Pumpkins are traditionally lighted with candles, however due to public safety and the duration of the event, please use battery operated or electrical light sources to achieve your desired effect.

To complete an entry form, visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/pumpkintrail. Call (770) 422-9714 for additional information.

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